

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS*

BARRINGTON	General Provision: None Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Section 3-1-1 FinDir/Treasurer: None
BRISTOL	General Provision: None Town Administrator: Elected - Yes - Section 302 FinDir/Treasurer: None
BURRILLVILLE	General Provision: Yes - Section 18.02 - "... full-time employee of the town, except the certified personnel of the school department, and those specifically exempted herein, shall.....reside in ..." Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Section 5.01 (within 6 months) FinDir/Treasurer: Yes - (due to above language)
CENTRAL FALLS	General Provision: None Mayor: Elected - Yes - Sec. 3-300 (two year resident) FinDir/Treasurer: None
CHARLESTOWN	General Provision: None Town Administrator: Appointed - Yes - Sec. C-42 (within eighteen months – within radius of 25 miles) FinDir/Treasurer: None Related Provision: Section C-188 - " At the time of their election or appointment, every elected official and all members of boards, commissions and Ad Hoc Committees shall have been a resident..."
COVENTRY	General Provision: None Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 5.01 - (Council may waive) FinDir/Treasurer: Yes – Section 15.02

*According to R.I. General Laws, "... effective September 1, 2001, no home rule charter provision shall require that a public school teacher or school district administrator reside within the city or town as a condition of appointment or continued employment. Any prior ratification and validation by the general assembly of a home rule charter provision requiring residency within a city or town as a condition for employment of a public school teacher or school district administrator is hereby expressly repealed by the general assembly." (16-12-9)

*Police officers and fire fighters. – No city or town shall require that an individual reside within the city or town as a condition for appointment or continued employment in its police or fire department; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to the city of Providence. (45-2-15)

CRANSTON	<p>General Provision: Yes (requires state residency only)</p> <p>Section 14.10 - "...all regular and full-time officers and employees of the city in both the classified and unclassified services, may reside outside the City of Cranston, but within the State of R.I."</p> <p>Mayor: Elected: - Yes - Sec. 2.07</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p>
CUMBERLAND	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>Mayor: Elected: - Yes - Sec. 302 - (two year resident)</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p>
EAST GREENWICH	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 4020 (within 120 days)</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p>
EAST PROVIDENCE	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>City Manager: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 3-1</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p>
EXETER	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: Yes - Elected</p>
FOSTER	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p>
GLOCESTER	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p>
HOPKINTON	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>Town Manager: Appointed – Yes – Sec. 4020 (within one year)</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p> <p>Related Provision: Sec. 1231 –“no person shall be appointed to any board, commission or committee of the town unless he or she is a qualified elector of the town and a resident actually living in the town, ...”</p>

JAMESTOWN	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>Town Administrator: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 301 (within 6 months)</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p> <p>Related Provision: Section 1001 – “All members of boards, commissions and committees shall be qualified electors and residents of the town.”</p>
JOHNSTON	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>Mayor: Elected Yes - Sec. 4-2 (one year resident)</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p>
LINCOLN	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>Town Administrator: Elected - Yes - Sec. 6-2 (two year resident)</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: Yes - Section 7-3 - “elector of the town”</p>
LITTLE COMPTON	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: Yes - Elected</p> <p>Related Provision: Section 1006 - “...appointments to Town boards and commissionsare electors and residents....</p> <p>Appointments to Town offices ...are not at the time electors and residents...within a reasonable time...become an elector and resident”</p>
MIDDLETOWN	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>Town Administrator: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 302</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p>
NARRAGANSETT	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 3-1-1</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p>
NEW SHOREHAM	<p>General Provision: None</p> <p>Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 502 (reasonable period)</p> <p>FinDir/Treasurer: None</p> <p>Related Provision: Section 911 - “ All appointees to boards and commissions shall be electors and residents of the town.”</p>
NEWPORT	<p>General Provision: None</p>

City Manager Appointed - Yes - Sec. 10-7
FinDir/Treasurer: Yes - Section 10-7 - "... elective or
appointive officer ...shall cease to be a resident..."

NORTH KINGSTOWN General Provision: None
Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 504
FinDir/Treasurer: None

NORTH PROVIDENCE General Provision: Yes - Section - 12-5-1 - "All employees of the
town government shall be residents and qualified electors of the town..."
Mayor: Elected - Yes - Sec. 3-1-4
FinDir/Treasurer: Yes (Due to above language)

NORTH SMITHFIELD General Provision: None
Town Administrator: Elected - Yes - Article V - Sec. 2
FinDir/Treasurer: None

PAWTUCKET General Provision: None
Mayor: Elected - Yes - Sec. 3-300
FinDir/Treasurer: None

PORTSMOUTH General Provision: None
Town Administrator: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 302
FinDir/Treasurer: None

PROVIDENCE General Provision: Yes - Section 1210 - " All officers...
all employees of the City and of any and all agencies and
instrumentalities thereof, including all employees of the school
department and the department of public safety, shall be residents"
Mayor: Elected - Yes - Sec. 1210
FinDir/Treasurer: Yes (Due to above language)

SMITHFIELD General Provision: None
Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 3.01 (Council may waive)
FinDir/Treasurer: None

SOUTH KINGSTOWN General Provision: None
Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 4011 - (within 6 months)

FinDir/Treasurer: None
Related Provision: Section 1215 - “ No person shall be appointed to any board or commission of the town unless he or she shall be a resident and qualified elector thereof...”

TIVERTON
General Provision: None
Town Administrator: Appointed - No residency requirement
FinDir/Treasurer: Yes - Elected

WARREN
General Provision: None
Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 4.02 - (within 6 months)
FinDir/Treasurer: None

WARWICK
General Provision: None
Mayor: Elected - Yes - Sec. 4-14
FinDir/Treasurer: None

WEST GREENWICH
General Provision: None
FinDir/Treasurer: Yes - Section 1006 - “ Appointments to town offices...not at the time electors and residents...shall within a reasonable time...become an elector and resident...”
Related Provision: Section 1006 - “All appointments to Town boards and commissions shall be made from among persons who are qualified electors and residents of the Town...”

WEST WARWICK
General Provision: None
Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 303 - (Council may waive)
FinDir/Treasurer: None

WESTERLY
General Provision: None
Town Manager: Appointed - Yes - Sec. 4-1-1
FinDir/Treasurer: None

WOONSOCKET
General Provision: None
Mayor: Elected - Yes - Chapter XV - Sec. 4
FinDir/Treasurer: None

REQUIREMENTS FOR FILLING
VACANCIES ON CITY/TOWN COUNCIL

BARRINGTON	Sec.2-1-8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- unexpired term by vote of electors- town council calls special election if vacancy occurs more than 9 months prior to next election
BRISTOL	Sec.204	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- town clerk calls special election- town council fills vacancy if less than 6 months remains in term
BURRILLVILLE	Sec.3.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- filled by qualified candidate with next highest vote total in last election- voters fill unexpired term at next general election
CENTRAL FALLS	Sec.2-102	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if more than 180 days before next regular election, council shall call a special election- if 180 days or less before next regular election, council may call a special election
CHARLESTOWN	Sec.C-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if more than 1 year prior to next election, council shall call a special election- filled at discretion of council for unexpired term
COVENTRY	Sec.3.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if 6 months or more prior to next regular election, town clerk calls special election; if clerk fails to call, the Board of Canvassers must call- if less than 6 months before next election, council fills
CRANSTON	Sec.2.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if vacancy occurs in first 6 months of term, Board of Canvassers calls special election- if vacancy occurs after first 6 months, council fills with member of same political party
CUMBERLAND	Sec.403	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- if vacancy occurs 6 months or more prior to next regular election, town clerk calls a special election- if vacancy occurs less than 6 months before next election, council fills with member of same political party

EAST GREENWICH	Sec.3160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs 1 year or less prior to regular election, council fills - if vacancy occurs more than one year prior to regular election, council calls a special election
EAST PROVIDENCE	Sec.2-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - unexpired term filled by vote of electors - if vacancy occurs more than 9 months prior to an election, council calls a special election
EXETER	Sec.406	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - filled by candidate with next highest vote from last election - if no qualified candidate council appoints a qualified elector
FOSTER	Sec.2.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs more than 6 months prior to an election, town clerk calls a special election - if vacancy occurs less than 6 months prior to an election, council fills
GLOCESTER	Art IV Sec.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - filled by candidate with next highest vote from last election - if no qualified candidate council appoints a qualified elector
HOPKINTON	Sec. 3160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs 1 year or less prior to regular election, council fills - if vacancy occurs more than one year prior to regular election, council calls a special election
JAMESTOWN	Sec.212	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - remaining members of council appoint next highest vote getter
JOHNSTON	Sec.3.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs 90 days or more prior to next election in "district" from which elected, town clerk calls special election
LINCOLN	Sec.5.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs before first date allowable for filing declarations of candidacy for next election, town clerk calls a special election - if vacancy occurs on or after first date allowable for filing council fills with member of same political party
LITTLE COMPTON	Sec.406	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs within first year and 3 months, the Board of Canvassers calls a special election - if vacancy occurs during final 9 months, council

appoints a qualified elector

MIDDLETOWN	Sec.209	- council members select a member until next scheduled state or town election , at which time electors shall elect member to complete unexpired portion of term
NARRAGANSETT	Sec.2-1-5	- if vacancy occurs more than 1 year prior to an election, council calls a special election - if vacancy occurs 1 year or less prior to an election, council has the discretion to fill the vacancy
NEW SHOREHAM	Sec.403	- remaining members of the council fill vacancy with a qualified elector of town within 45 days
NEWPORT	Sec.2-3	- vacancy filled by 4 affirmative votes of remaining members of council
NORTH KINGSTOWN	Sec.306	- vacancy filled by council candidate who received most votes in the last election - if above method fails council appoints a qualified elector - if both above methods fail council directs town clerk to call a special election
NORTH PROVIDENCE	Sec.2-1-5	- if vacancy occurs with less than 180 days left in term, council appoints member from same political party - if vacancy occurs with 180 days or more left in term, council calls a special election
NORTH SMITHFIELD	Art IV Sec.3	- if vacancy occurs more than 1 year prior to next election, council calls a special election - council has discretion to fill vacancy for unexpired term
PAWTUCKET	Sec.6-105	- if vacancy occurs more than 180 days before next municipal election, Board of Canvassers calls a special election which may coincide with other city/state election
PORTSMOUTH	Sec.209	- remaining members of council select a qualified elector to fill vacancy until next regular election
PROVIDENCE	Sec.206	- if vacancy occurs more than 180 days before next election, council calls a special election - if vacancy occurs 180 days or less before next election, council calls a special election on written demand of at least 1/3 members of council

SMITHFIELD	Sec.207	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs 1 year or more prior to regular election, town clerk calls a special election - if vacancy occurs less than 1 year prior to regular election, council fills with member of same political party
SOUTH KINGSTOWN	Sec.3111	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs more than 1 year prior to next election, council calls a special election - otherwise council may fill for unexpired term
TIVERTON	Sec.403	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - council fills with candidate with next highest vote total - if above method fails council appoints qualified elector for a maximum of 6 months to serve
WARREN	Sec.3.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if unexpired term exceeds 6 months council calls a special election - if unexpired term is less than 6 months seat remains vacant
WARWICK	Sec.2-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs more than 180 days before next general election, Canvassing Authority calls a special election - if vacancy occurs 180 days or less before next general election, council has discretion to direct Canvassing Authority to call a special election
WEST GREENWICH	Sec.406	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs during first year of term , Board of Canvassers calls a special election - if vacancy occurs during second year of term, council appoints a qualified elector
WEST WARWICK	Sec.403	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs 1 year or more prior to election, town clerk calls a special election - if vacancy occurs less than 9 months prior to election, council fills with member of same political party
WESTERLY	Sec.2-1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - council fills until next regular election - if vacancies create lack of a quorum town clerk calls a special election
WOONSOCKET	Ch. II Sec.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - if vacancy occurs more than 240 days prior to next regular election, Canvassing Authority calls a special election - if vacancy occurs 240 days or less prior to next regular election, council, in its discretion, may direct Canvassing Authority to call a special election

